GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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DDU-GKY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken up a massive programme for skilling rural youth through the DeenDayalUpadhyayaGrameenKaushalyaYojana and the National Rural Livelihood Mission and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has reduced the minimum entry age for rural youth to 15 years from 18 years and plans to benchmark Indian Skill Programmes against international standards by roping in private players and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

(a) : The Government is implementing placement linked skill development program called DDU-GKY for rural poor youth under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), and has approved projects to skill 11.71 lakhs candidates under DDU-GKY.

(b): The minimum eligible age for a candidate to undergo training under DDU-GKY is 15 years. DDU-GKY allows skilling of rural youth under PPP mode through certification from National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) and Sector Skills Councils (SSC). Benchmarking of skilling courses against international standards is the task of these certifying agencies. As per available information, Sector Skills Councils standards in four sectors, i.e. automotive, Telecom, Healthcare and Information Technology have been identified for benchmarking of standards.

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